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Settlements issue divides Israelis

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — A sharp dispute erupted Friday among officials of the Jewish Agency, over Israeli policy in occupied Arab territories.

Ya'ara Weitz, the influential co-director of the agency's settlement department, which is responsible for new immigrants, said in a letter to Premier Menachem Begin that Israel should accept a Palestinian state "if the Arabs recognized the legitimacy of Jewish settlements along the Jordan River in the occupied West Bank and in northern Sinai."

The idea of an independent Palestinian state has been anathema to Israeli leaders in every major party, who feel it would be a constant threat to the Jewish state.

The letter drew an immediate rebuke from Jewish Agency chairman Ariel Dulcain, who is also a leader of Begin's Likud Party. He told reporters Weitz had no right to communicate with Begin in his capacity as an agency official, and anyway should have realized the government determined settlement policy, not the agency.

The other co-director of the settlement department, Mat'yan Robless—also a Likud Party activist—criticized Weitz, saying the Jewish people had the right to settle all of the land of Israel, a point frequently expressed by Begin and his followers.

Weitz suggested in his letter that Begin consider the proposal in view of the approaching Israeli-Egyptian summit conference scheduled to open early next month in the United States.

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Syrians, Rightists clash in mountains

BEIRUT, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — Syrian soldiers of the Arab League peacekeeping force began a sweep of Christian villages near Syrian missile sites in east and north Lebanon, a rightist radio station reported Friday.

The "Voice of Lebanon" radio station operated by the rightist Phalangist Party said the Syrians were exchanging fire with right-wing defenders and blowing up houses in four Christian villages in the north. Right-wing military sources claimed 20 Syrians had been killed.

The broadcast said the Syrians surrounded the villages of Ainata and Deir al Ahmar in the eastern Bekaa Valley near Syrian-controlled anti-aircraft missile batteries and "arrested large numbers of citizens whose names were on a Syrian wanted list."

This is the first time the bases for the Soviet missiles were reported to be set up by the Syrians in Lebanon. The report could not be confirmed by independent sources.

News sources in the eastern sector of Beirut said the Syrian move was a round up of right-wing militiamen in Christian villages north and east of the country and did not appear to be a full-scale Syrian military operation.

The rightist military sources said the heaviest fighting was reported at Deir Billa.

President Elias Sarkis was holding urgent talks with Col. Sami al-Khatib, commander of the Syrian-dominated Arab peacekeeping force, the sources said.

There was no immediate official confirmation of the fighting, which follows an uneasy two-week truce between Syrian troops and right-wing militias.

The Syrians were using big helicopters to fly troops and ammunition into the area, the sources said.

They said 1,400 men belonging to Syria's Special Forces had arrived near Bhamdoun, east of Beirut, last week.

The radio said the rightists' military command was holding an emergency meeting under former President Camille Chamoun, leader of the National Liberal Party (NLP), and that a statement would be issued later.

In its 7.15 p.m. (1615 GMT) broadcast, the radio said local civilians were "resisting" the attacks and that fighting was still going on.

The Syrians had earlier set up new fortified positions and roadblocks in the area, it said.

The reports came amid increasing tension in the north after eight people were killed in an ambush Thursday.

Sources in the Phalangist Party said four of their men were among the dead, and they accused members of a rival right-wing group led by former President Suleiman Franjeh of being responsible.

Franjeh's son Tony was among 33 people killed in an attack on the northern mountain resort of Ebdun by Phalangist militiamen on June 13.

Franjeh's forces are closely allied with the Syrians.

The state-controlled Damascus Radio Friday repeated charges that the rightists were attempting to divide Lebanon and set up their own state, and said Syria "will not hesitate for an instant to strike at all persons and forces which seek to

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Passengers leave 'hijacked' TWA plane; hoax suspected

GENEVA, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — The passengers and crew of a TWA jetliner from New York left the plane safely Friday at Geneva airport after a mysterious seven-hour interlude that authorities said was either a hijacking or a hoax.

Amid general confusion at the airport, Swiss Justice Minister Kurt Furgler said "up to now, we cannot rule out either possibility."

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration said it was "convinced that the incident was a hoax" because airport security equipment any hijacker would have passed through was working properly and a passenger would not have been able to smuggle explosives or weapons aboard.

After almost three hours of intensive questioning of the passengers, Geneva security police chief Roger Warinsky told reporters "we have not found any suspect and the interrogations are practically finished."

Warinsky also said a thorough search of the plane did not produce any weapons nor the false wig or beard, the mysterious "man with the messages" was believed to have worn.

The incident began when someone dropped a list of demands into the lap of a sleeping stewardess.

The passengers walked off the Boeing 707 less than an hour before a 5 p.m. (1600 GMT) deadline set in a note signed by a "task force of revolutionary soldiers" demanding freedom for German Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, for U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassin Sirhan Sirhan and for five jailed Croatian hijackers.

Geneva Police Chief Guy Fontanet first said after the plane landed that there were "several" hijackers. He later said no one had seen a hijacker after the 19-page list of bizarre demands was dumped into the stewardess' lap.

"We would like to find out who placed the messages into the lap of the hostess," said Fontanet after the passengers were taken to a security section of the airport to undergo questioning.

In New York, when asked whether TWA now believed this may be a hoax, spokesman Max Billinger said, "we're still trying to find out what happened. We're here and they're there."

Billinger said his information was that the "flight attendant was not asleep. It happened during the movie. Somebody dropped an envelope on her lap during the movie."

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Abu Nidal offers truce

Arafat renews attack on Iraq

BEIRUT, Aug. 24 (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has accused Iraq's leaders of joining Israel, in seeking to destroy the Palestinian commando movement.

Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was speaking Thursday night at an Iftar attended by a number of Palestinian and Lebanese leftist leaders.

Referring to the killing of PLO officials in Paris and Islamabad recently, he said: "They died as a result of a decision taken in the Israeli Knesset (parliament), part of which was carried out by (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin and another by the Baghdad isolationists."

Meanwhile an Iraqi-backed commando leader has declared a truce with Arafat's mainstream commandos in response to Algeria's mediation.

Sabri al Banna (Abu Nidal), a Baghdad-based commando leader said in a statement in the Iraqi capital that he had ordered his followers to "refrain from acts of vengeance provided the other side reciprocates."

The statement was carried by Iraqi and Lebanese newspapers Thursday.

Arafat's Fateh, the largest commando group, accused Abu Nidal of assassinating the London, Paris and Kuwait representatives of the PLO with the backing of the Iraqi secret service.

Fateh attempted a string of retaliations that involved grenade attacks on Iraqi embassies in Europe.

Algerian President Houari Boumedienne asked his ambassador to Lebanon Muhammad Yazid to mediate. Yazid flew to Baghdad early this week and held a series of meetings with Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan al Bakr and with Abu Nidal, newspapers said.

Abu Nidal's truce statement was released a few hours after Yazid's return to the Lebanese capital.

Fateh and the PLO have already issued a statement in Beirut pledging to discontinue "vengeance and counter-vengeance acts."

Abu Nidal, who defected from Fateh in 1973, is under a death sentence issued by the group in 1974 for allegedly plotting to assassinate Arafat.

Abu Nidal was accused of masterminding two attempts to assassinate Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and the assassination in Nicaragua of Egyptian newspaper editor Youssef Sebaei last February.

Beirut newspapers said the Algerian ambassador also tried to mediate a truce between Fateh and Syria on one hand and Iraq on the other.

Abu Nidal's truce declaration in Baghdad came as the commando movement's Central Council, wound up a two-day session in Damascus to discuss plans to close Palestinian ranks.

The council denounced in a communique Wednesday the "campaign of terror" against the PLO and its leading members.

The council also announced the formation of a committee to examine rival union plans among the major commando groups that make up the PLO.

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Kenyans, opposition leader pay Kenyatta last respects

NAIROBI, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — Oginga Odinga, the left-wing rebel of Kenyan politics who was once jailed by President Jomo Kenyatta, was among thousands of grief-stricken residents who paid final homage Friday to the Kenyan leader.

Odinga, dressed in colorful tribal robes, made a surprise appearance to spend several minutes in front of Kenyatta's body lying in state at his official residence.

Kenyatta, who led Kenya's struggle for independence and then governed the country for 15 years, died in his sleep Tuesday. He was believed to be in his 80s.

Chanting prayers in the Luo dialect, the language of Kenya's second largest tribal group, he spent several minutes singing his funeral lament. Later newsmen crowded round the moist-eyed Odinga and asked him to explain his lament.

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low Kenyatta's policy of non-alignment and to continue to "uphold democratic institutions and pursue the domestic and foreign policies" of the late president.

Diplomatic missions here were making preparations for the heads of state and other representatives expected to arrive here for the state funeral.

Britain has announced that the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, will represent his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

Informed sources said Vice-President Walter Mondale may represent the United States.

Several heads of state from other African countries are expected to attend to pay their respects to one of the initiators of the African independence movements which threw off the European colonial powers after World War II.

Tributes have poured in from throughout the world hailing the late president as one of the founders of African nationalism.

Paris ready to aid solution in Sahara

PARIS, Aug. 25 (R)—President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has informed African leaders that France was ready to help settle the Western Sahara conflict, a presidential aide said Friday.

In a message dated Aug. 11, the French leader told Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, current president of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), that his government was prepared to assist in reconciling opposing viewpoints, he said.

"France, not involved in the dispute, does not intend to play a mediator role," the message said. "But if its relations with the countries concerned allow it to promote better understanding of viewpoints, the French government is ready to help."

Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas are fighting for control of the Western Sahara, which was carved up between Mauritania and Morocco in 1976 when Spain withdrew from its former colony.

President Giscard d'Estaing also informed Numeiri of talks he had in Paris in re-

cent weeks with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny and emissaries from Mauritania, Morocco and Algeria aimed at finding a peaceful settlement of the Sahara conflict.

On July 27, he received two envoys sent by Mauritanian military ruler Mustapha Ould Salek who overthrew President Mokhtar Ould Daddah in a bloodless coup. The envoys, Supply Minister Lt.-Col. Ahmad Salem Ould Sidi and Finance Minister Sid Ahmad Ould B'Nejara, delivered a personal message from Ould Salek and discussed the whole problem of the Sahara dispute.

Five days later, the French president conferred with Algerian Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika and the following day met President Houphouët-Boigny and then Rada Guedira, personal counselor to Moroccan King Hassan.

Giscard d'Estaing aide declined to say whether secret contacts are underway between parties in the dispute.

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Minister to lead Saudi body to FAO Mid-East conference

TAIF, Aug. 25 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh will lead Saudi Arabia's delegation to the Food and Agriculture Organization's 14th

Regional Conference for the Near East.

The conference will be held in Damascus from Sept. 4 to 8 to discuss, among other things, the state of natural resources, the ecology of the area and a report submitted by the FAO's regional representatives on the activities of the regional center.

It will also review Saudi Arabia's contribution to the center, production of wheat and other gains in Jordan, improvement of dairy and meat products in Near Eastern countries and other agricultural subjects.

300 sheep impounded as health hazard

JEDDAH, Aug. 25 — The Meat Supervision Team has confiscated 300 sheep after veterinarians declared them totally unfit for consumption, it was reported here Friday.

The vet made out his report when he saw at the slaughterhouse that the sheep the butcher was going to slaughter had an inflated abdomen. He stopped the butcher until he had made a thorough check, and found that the sheep was suffering from an unspecified disease.

SR 60m water contract said imminent

JEDDAH, Aug. 25 — A SR6 million contract is to be awarded for a water treatment project in Al-Majma'ah north-west of Riyadh, according to local press reports Friday.


The reports quoted Abdulrah Al-Khalifa, agriculture undersecretary, as saying that the project includes a pumping station, a large reservoir, and drilling two supplementary wells.

Authorities to shut for Eid holiday

RIYADH, Aug. 25 — Government offices will be closed for Eid holidays from Aug. 29 to Sept. 9, "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Friday.

The official holiday was to have started next Monday (Aug. 28), but since it was ending on a weekly holiday (Friday Sept. 8), it was delayed by one day.

The amended 12-day official holiday has been notified to all ministries, government departments and public institutions, the paper added.



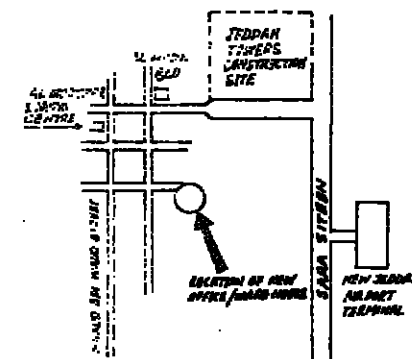
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For overcharging Taif nabs taxi drivers

JEDDAH, Aug. 25 — A number of taxi drivers were taken into custody and penalized in Taif, for overcharging their passengers, according to Friday's edition of "Al-Jezira".

Taif Traffic Director Maj. Abdul Qadder Momena told reporters that 94 persons driving without car or driving licenses and nine traffic offenders had been arrested since the start of the traffic campaign in July.

He said the illegal drivers had been imprisoned for five days each.

According to Capt. Ibrahim Asiri, Taif's accident department director, an average 40 deaths are recorded every month in traffic accidents.

He said that statistics put the number of accidents at about six or eight per day. He noted that highway accidents were usually much more severe than city street collisions. Therefore traffic patrols covered 390 kilometers day and night between Taif and Riyadh.

Jeddah Campaign Director Lt. Said Al-Hakmi told "Al-Jezira" that pick-ups and motorcycles were one special target of the crack-down. He said that 80 per cent of all accidents were caused by those light pick-ups which had been banned from carrying passengers.

He added that public transport was now confined to buses. He went on to say that 600 motorcycles had been confiscated since the beginning of the campaign because their drivers did not hold any plates or licenses or transported passengers.

Muslims ready journalists conference

MECCA, Aug. 25 — Preparations are underway for holding the first World Muslim Journalists Conference, Assistant Secretary-General of the Muslim World League Muhammad Safwat Al-Sagga said Wednesday.

He was quoted by the local press Thursday as saying that no date had been fixed yet for convening the conference, but that Cyprus had offered to host it.

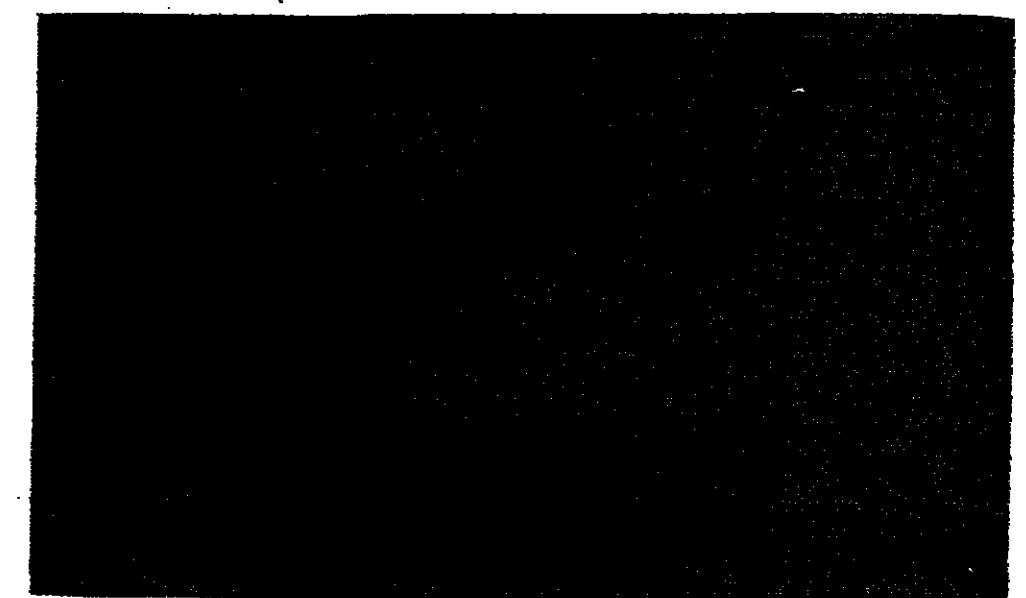
China aide: Taiwan, Kingdom plan cooperation on satellite

TAIPEI, Aug. 25 (R) — Taiwan and Saudi Arabia plan to cooperate on a joint satellite telecommunication project, according to a communications

ministry official here. The official, quoted by the central news agency Friday, also cited the visits of Taiwanese engineering consultants and

railway technicians to Saudi Arabia as two other projects undertaken to boost cooperation in the transport field.

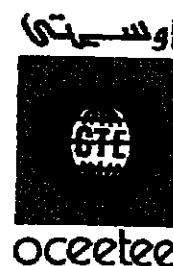
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'FT' sees black future for Israel without DMC

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — The "Financial Times" said Friday that the disintegration of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) marked the end of what had seemed to be the most promising development in Israeli politics.

The influential business daily said in an editorial: "It hardly bodes well for those hoping to

see Mr. Menahem Begin adopt more accommodating policies at the Middle East summit at Camp David next month."

The paper said the DMC's leaders "were among the most intelligent and least tarnished public figures in the country." It went on: "The failure of an idealistic party like the DMC can only strengthen the traditional politicians whose

wheeling and dealing often distresses the public they are supposed to be serving.

"In the case of Israel the tragedy is even greater because so many people, both there and abroad, had hoped that the DMC would introduce a greater tone of realism into policies which often appear to be self-defeating," the "Financial Times" said.

France's letter not helpful for nuclear plant--Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 25 (AP) — Official sources said Friday the recent letter from French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to Pakistan's chief of government, Gen. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, "is not helpful for fulfillment of the contract on supply of a French-made nuclear reprocessing plant to Pakistan."

The government-to-government contract to supply the reprocessing plant was signed in 1976. It provided for Pak-

istan to purchase a unit made by Saint Gobain Techniques Nouvelles, a subsidiary of the Saint Gobain group.

Zia told a press conference Wednesday, "France has declined to sell a nuclear reprocessing plant to Pakistan, under the terms of the present agreement which the two governments had signed in 1976. He said the French president's letter of Aug. 19 contained "a lot of love and affection for Pakistan, but the result of our request for the nuclear repro-

cessing plant is zero."

He said the two countries have yet to decide when to start discussions on the matter, as proposed by Giscard d'Estaing, and that he has not replied to the French letter.

Elaborating on Zia's statement, the official sources Friday said "modification of the plant is what Pakistan always considered as impracticable, but this is what Mr. d'Estaing has suggested to Pakistan." In case this country wants to get the unit.

Heavy rain paralyzes Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Aug. 25 (AP) — The Sudanese capital of Khartoum is virtually paralyzed after heavy rain washed out 20 kilometers of railroad connecting the capital with the country's sole sea port, Port Sudan.

The Khartoum-Port Sudan railroad was washed out last month causing an acute fuel shortage which has become further aggravated with this second washout.

With the exception of a few government and private cars, the streets are practically empty and most people are staying home.

Energy minister Sherif al Tuhani, in a statement, said repair of the railroad is hampered by incessant rainfall in north and north eastern Sudan, but added the government was exerting its utmost to complete the repair.

A power failure in Khartoum caused by the submersion of a turbine in silt in south eastern Sudan has further complicated the situation. The failure is seriously hampering production in the Khartoum area where most light industries are concentrated.

Greece, Turkey reopen air space talks Monday

ATHENS, Aug. 25 (R) — Greece and Turkey are to open talks on the disputed air space over the Aegean in Athens next Monday, the prime minister's office announced.

The talks will be at technical level and will continue talks held in Istanbul last July.

Turkish Ambassador Selcuk Korkut is expected to lead the Turkish delegation while the Greek side is expected to be led by Dimitrios Makris, head of the Turkish desk at the foreign ministry here.

The secretaries general of the

respective foreign ministries are also scheduled to meet in Athens on Sept. 17 and 18.

Greece closed the Aegean air space to all but its own traffic in 1974, after Turkey invaded Cyprus causing many aircraft flying to and from Turkey to make time-consuming and expensive detours.

The two countries have so far failed to reach agreement despite meetings in Paris, London, Istanbul and Athens.

Besides the airspace control, the two secretaries general will also discuss the Greek-Turkish dispute over rights to exploit resources in the Aegean.

Eritrean says food aid goes to Ethiopian troops

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — An Eritrean aid worker said Friday food and medical relief sent to Ethiopia had been used by government troops fighting secessionist guerrillas in Eritrea.

Dr. Yusuf Berhanu of the Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent told a press conference that evidence was found when guerrillas took over Ethiopian positions in the province.

He said that in the Eritrean town of Mendefera they found food packages from Western Europe which were earmarked for the drought-stricken Wollo

area. Dr. Habte Tesfamariam, a member of the revolutionary council of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), who also took part in the news conference, said the Ethiopians had also turned to military use thousands of tons of food and more than 70 trucks given by the European Common Market.

Dr. Yusuf appealed for aid from the West to be given to Eritrea to stop people fleeing the war into Sudan. There were already more than 250,000 Eritrean refugees in Sudan, he said.

Somalia pledges to ensure peace with Kenya

NAIROBI, Aug. 25 (AP) — Somali President Siad Barre has told Uganda's President Idi Amin that his country will do everything possible to ensure peace, harmony and good understanding with Kenya.

Uganda Radio, in a broadcast monitored here Friday, said Barre's assurance was contained in a message sent to Amin Thursday.

Aflak said in exile

BEIRUT, Aug. 25 (R) — Michael Aflak, the founder of the Arab Baath Socialist Party now ruling Syria and Iraq, has left his base in Baghdad and gone into self-imposed exile in Yugoslavia, the weekly "al-Hawadess" claimed.

The magazine alleged that Aflak has left in protest against an Iraqi purge against the country's Communist Party and because of an Iraqi conflict with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

He also objected to Baghdad's "policies of repression" against the Kurdish community in northern Iraq "al-Hawadess" claimed.

Aflak, a Syrian, founded the Baath Party 40 years ago with former Syrian Prime Minister Salah Bitar. He moved to Baghdad in 1968 when the Baathists took power in Iraq. The two countries are now ruled by rival wings of the party.



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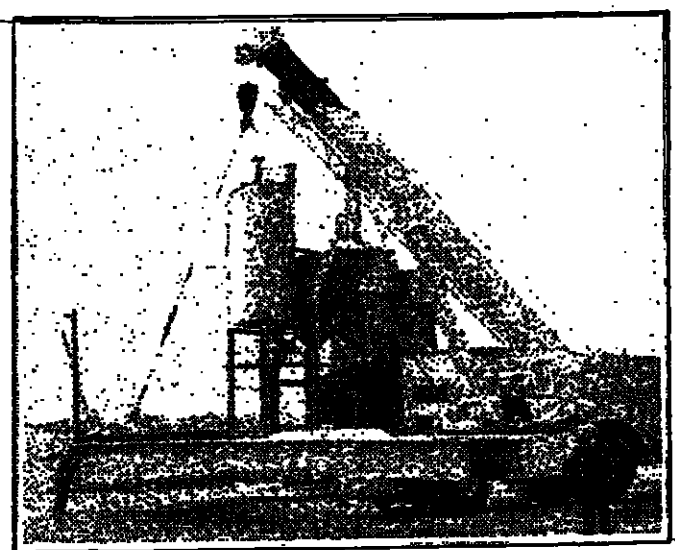
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Somoza vows resistance

Managua faces general strike following hostages' release

MANAGUA, Aug. 25 (R)—Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza, vowing to resist all attempts to oust him from office, faced a general strike Friday only hours after meeting left-wing guerrilla demands for the release of 59 jailed sympathizers, and safe passage out of the country.

Opposition leaders who called the general strike from midnight Thursday night said it would go on until the Somoza government fell.

Early Friday it was still too soon to judge whether workers would heed the strike call and there was no noticeable deployment of police or national guardsmen in the streets.

General Somoza, whose family has ruled Nicaragua for the past 40 years, appeared not to be too worried about the strike. He told a news conference Thursday night, "I wish them (the strike leaders) lots of luck."

He said he gave in to most of the guerrillas' demands because he feared for the lives of innocent people.

About 25 guerrillas seized the National Palace, a government building housing the National Congress and two ministries, on Tuesday and took several hundred people, including about 40 congressmen, hostage. Six soldiers were killed and 20 people wounded during the 48-hour siege.

The guerrillas of the anti-

Somoza Sandinist National Liberation Front originally demanded among other things \$10 million, the release of their jailed comrades and three planes to fly them out of the country.

General Somoza said that in the end he agreed to release the prisoners, "publish an ignominious document and hand over \$500,000 dollars" to save lives.

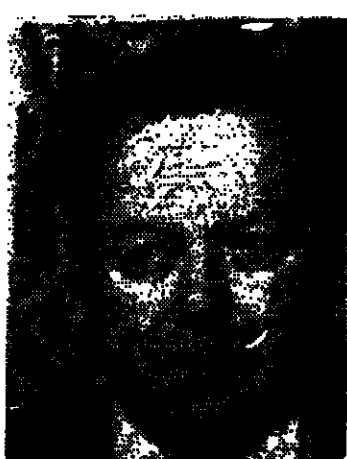
The guerrillas and their freed comrades who were cheered on the way to the airport, flew to Panama aboard two aircraft supplied by the Panama and Venezuela. They were reported Friday to be under the custody of the Panamanian National Guard awaiting official word on their request for political asylum.

The guerrillas' leader, Eden Pastora, 42, said on arrival in Panama Thursday that General Somoza's days were numbered.

He said only one guerrilla was wounded in the attack on the National Palace.

One of the guerrilla chiefs' deputies, a 22-year-old woman identified only as "commander two" said: "We shall return to Nicaragua to continue the fight."

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HOSTAGE FREED: Nicaraguan Parliament member Luis Padilla Debatay, a cousin of President Anastasio Somoza, was among hostages freed Thursday by Nicaraguan guerrillas.

ried the country from 1912 to 1933.

Friday's general strike was the second called this year. Nicaragua was paralyzed in January when businesses and workers stopped work for a few days to demand a full investigation of the murder of outspoken newspaper editor Joaquin Chamorro.

Dr. Chamorro, gunned down as he drove to work, was president of the Democratic Union for Liberation (UDELA), one of the most active opposition groups.

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Wasting time at work called Britain's big unseen crime

LONDON, Aug. 25 (AP)—Wasting time at work is the biggest undetected crime in Britain and will cost the battered economy an estimated 5.3 billion pounds (\$10.07 billion) this year, a U.S. personnel organization says.

The average British worker steals three hours, 20 minutes a week by arriving late, quitting early, taking lengthy breaks or just doing nothing on company time, said Robert Half, president of the Robert Half Organization, which conducted a survey of 60 British personnel directors.

That's the equipment of every worker taking an extra five weeks' paid vacation every year, he told a news conference Thursday.

"Time theft is an insidious threat to the health and growth of the U.K. economy," Half warned.

"It deals a harsh blow to the

nation's productivity. It fuels inflation and results in increased costs being passed on to the consumer."

The study estimates that this year the time thieves will cost the country more than all other

VFW against recognition of China, women fighters

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 25 (AP)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars went on record against the influx of illegal aliens, U.S. recognition of China and combat jobs for women, and in favor of the B-1 bomber and the neutron bomb.

The resolutions were among about 300 passed Thursday at the group's national convention.

Another resolution called for the removal of United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young if he refuses to support policies against communist takeovers in Rhodesia and South

crimes of gain like theft, fraud, forgery and embezzlement.

But, the survey stressed, managers and professional people are bigger culprits than shop floor workers when it comes to wasting time.

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Laotians to hand over remains of 4 Americans

VIENTIANE, Aug. 25 (AP)—Calling it a "great step forward," the head of the U.S. congressional delegation visiting Laos said Friday the Laotian government will hand over the remains of four American fliers killed in Laos during the Indochina War.

These will be the first remains of American airmen killed during the U.S. involvement in the Laotian war to be returned to the United States.

Representative G.V. Montgomery, who heads the group of eight congressmen visiting Vietnam and Laos, told reporters, "It's a giant step forward in trying to find out about Americans missing here. We never had any encouragement or information in the past."

The announcement came after a meeting Friday between the Montgomery group and officials of Laos' communist government headed by Acting Foreign Minister Khamphai Boupha.

Montgomery, whose group arrived in this capital city Friday, said the Laotians did not identify the dead by name but said the remains were found at three different crash sites. The Laotians said they knew of no Americans still alive in their country.

Although Montgomery called it a "total breakthrough," he said most of the 424 Americans unaccounted for in Laos would probably never be recovered.

The Laotian officials said most of the areas in which American fliers went down were sparsely populated and remote.

The Laotians said they have told villagers to search out presumed crash sites, but some were reluctant to help because they themselves had been bombed by the Americans and because some areas still hid unexploded bombs and other ordnance left over from the war.

The remains of the four are to be turned over to the Americans Saturday. A U.S. Air Force transport is to fly here to pick up the remains and then fly on to Hanoi, where the remains of 14 American fliers killed over North Vietnam are to be handed over.

The Vietnamese government previously had delivered the remains of 38 Americans.

Montgomery said simple plane-side ceremonies will be held in both communist capitals before the remains are flown to Hawaii, where experts will try to make positive identification.

Lethal vapor escapes at U.S. missile site mail if strike called

WICHITA, Kansas, Aug. 25 (AP)—A "great big thunderhead" of orange vapor that spewed from an underground missile silo, killing an airman and forcing some 200 rural residents to evacuate, apparently formed when a pipeline valve failed and allowed volatile fuel to escape, Air Force officials said.

Air Force personnel in protective gear, who entered the unarmored Titan II missile complex late Thursday, said the situation had stabilized.

The cloud that had drifted about 200 feet above missile site moved northward and disappeared some eight hours after the leak occurred about noon.

Although the lethal cloud was no longer visible Friday, an Air Force spokesman said precautionary measures would remain in effect. Evacuated residents of the farming area 48 kilometers south east of Wichita were told they could not yet return to their homes.

A special team from Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas, where a similar incident occurred Jan. 27, was dispatched to assist airmen from McConnell Air Force Base.

The missile, a replacement for one removed for routine testing, was not armed with a nuclear warhead, said Capt.

Swedish executive freed

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25 (AP)—Swedish executive Kjell Bjork, freed after ten days in the hands of Central American guerrillas, said Friday he was not harmed by his kidnappers.

"I was treated well," Bjork told a Swedish radio reporter in San Salvador hours after his release. "I had the food I wanted and slept in a bed. I lived in a normal way apart from being locked up around the clock."

The kidnappers, who said they belonged to an El Salvadorian guerrilla group called the "Armed Forces of National Resistance," set their victim free late Thursday following secret negotiations with Bjork's employer, the Swedish telephone company L.M. Ericsson.

"I was blindfolded and brought to a car. I was completely surprised. They drove me to the center of San Salvador," Bjork said.

Alan Defend, information officer at McConnell. There was no danger of explosion because a liquid fuel that powers the missile when mixed with the propellant was not present. Defend said the fuel, an oxidizer composed of nitrogen tetroxide, apparently leaked as it was being loaded into one of the stages of the 150-ton, 103-foot missile as it stood in its underground silo.

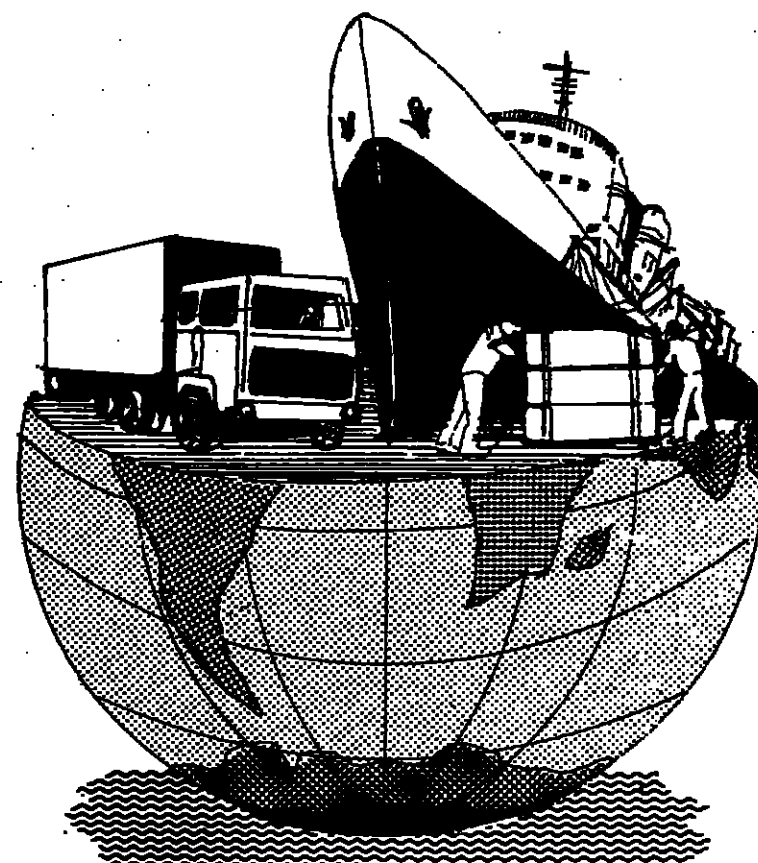
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—Federal troops would sort letters and citizens might have to pick up their mail at post offices if a nationwide strike forces the U.S. government to resort to contingency delivery plans.

Strikes by U.S. postal employees are prohibited by law. Nonetheless, the threat of a walkout looms for next week following the Letter Carriers Union's vote against a proposed pact.

Members of two other postal unions, the American Postal Workers Union and the Mail Handlers Division of the Laborers' International Union, are expected to announce their votes by the end of the week.

A fourth postal union, representing 38,000 rural letter carriers, is not polling its members on the settlement, which provides for a 19.5 per cent increase in wages and benefits over the next three years.

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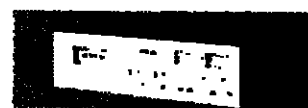
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Iraq agrees to resume oil supplies to Turkey

ANKARA, Aug. 25 (AP)—Iraq agreed Friday to resume petroleum shipments to Turkey in return for repayment of a Turkish debt owed for previous oil purchases, Turkish Energy Minister Deniz Baykal announced.

Iraq halted the shipments in January because of the 400 million debt, Baykal told.

Canada suspends operations

MONTREAL, Aug. 25 (AP)—Air Canada halted operations early Friday "for an indefinite period" because of a strike by ground workers, the airline announced.

Strike action by members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) in most major centers across Canada began late Thursday following announcement of a vote result showing that a majority of workers had rejected a tentative agreement reached between their union and Air Canada.

reporters Turkey would make the repayment with export primarily of wheat and 400 passenger buses.

Baykal declined to elaborate on details of the repayment schedule, but official sources said the debt would be cleared up by the end of 1981. Sources said Turkey would ship Iraq 400,000 tons of wheat by the end of 1979, and 300,000 tons both in 1980 and 1981.

Turkey will obtain 1.2 million tons of crude oil from Iraq during the remainder of

this year, and 5 million tons next year, Baykal said. Payment for these future shipments will have to be made within 20 days, official sources added.

The two countries also agreed to try to increase utilization of a jointly owned oil pipeline.

The 1,000 km (600-mile) pipeline linking Iraq to the Turkish port of Yumurtalik has continued carrying oil for third countries during the period of suspension, however.

Greece imposes new taxes to cover damage by quakes

ATHENS, Aug. 25 (R)—The Greek government Friday imposed new taxes expected to yield five billion drachmas (about \$138 million) this year to help meet damage bills from a series of earthquakes which struck the northern city of Salonica last June.

A draft bill containing the taxes on income, petrol and

car licensing was introduced in parliament Thursday night and will be debated next week, but its measure went into effect from Friday.

The tax on petrol goes up by two drachmas five cents per liter (22.5 cents for gallon), bringing the cost of regular grade petrol to 20.5 drachmas (57 cents) per liter (\$2.60 per gallon).

IMF lauds India over easing trade

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—India was among a number of developing nations which took steps to liberalize import policies during 1977 when the world showed a continuing trend toward more restrictive trade practices, says the International Monetary Fund.

In its 29th annual report on exchange restrictions, the IMF said that tighter rules on quantity of imported goods were imposed in many countries, especially on such commodities as steel, textiles, consumer durables and shipbuilding.

But it said "significant steps to liberalize quantitative import restrictions were taken by a number of developing countries," including India, Pakistan, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ghana.

Economic Briefs

● PARIS: Thousands of holidaymakers returning from Spanish and Mediterranean resorts faced delays as French air traffic controllers began another go-slow Friday in support of better working conditions. But French airlines officials said the 11-day work-to-rule was unlikely to cause much delay.

● LONDON: Britain is providing week-long worth 300,000 sterling to Sudan to help save next year's cotton crop following severe flooding, the Ministry of Overseas Development announced Friday. Britain has already sent inflatable boats, medical supplies, tents, blankets and a helicopter to help victims of Sudan's worst-ever flood.

● WASHINGTON: The largest postal union in the United States Friday rejected a tentative labor agreement, and a spokesman said the postal service "has to reopen negotiations within five days or we go on strike." U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger has consistently refused to renegotiate the tentative agreement reached July 21. The postal service declined immediate comment on Friday's vote.

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Japan may budget \$190m for petroleum reserves

TOKYO, Aug. 25 (AP)—A government ministry and an agency will ask for a 37 billion yen (about \$190 million) budget allocation for fiscal 1979 to build up government oil expected to total 20 million kiloliters by 1985, Kyodo news service said Friday.

Kyodo said the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and the Natural Resources and Energy Agency decided to ask for the budget as they are

agreed that Japan should have oil reserves amounting to 110 to 120 day's supply by 1985.

It said that of the total reserves targeted, private companies are capable of stocking a maximum supply of 90 days by 1979. The remaining 20 million kiloliters in government reserves would be sufficient for 20 days.

The agency had previously hoped to have in reserve only 10 million kiloliters of oil by 1982, Kyodo said.

Spanish fishing boats return to EEC waters

MAJORCA, Aug. 25 (AP)—Five hundred Spanish fishing boats, without permission to work in the waters under the jurisdiction of the nine countries of the European Economic Community (EEC), have returned to work there, the Spanish government announced Friday.

EEC authorities had advised the Spanish government all those fishing boats without of-

ficial permission would not be able to work in their jurisdiction waters after midnight last Tuesday.

The government said it would give economic and legal aid to any boats that may be seized.

The value of the seafood caught annually by Spanish fishing boats in EEC waters is about 14,000 million pesetas (\$175 million) by 7,200 fishermen.

Consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks issued

JEDDAH, Aug. 25 (SPA)—The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) has issued the following consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks as at the end of Jummad Thani, 1398, May 6, 1978.

The statement was released by the Saudi Press Agency Friday.

		(In millions of S. Rls.)
ASSETS		S. Rls.
1) Cash in hand and deposits with SAMA		18,503.7
2) Balances due from banks outside		8,571.5
3) Balances due from banks in Saudi Arabia		1,298.2
4) Loans, Advances and Discounts		10,950.4
5) Investments		967.9
6) Other Assets		11,053.1
7) Contra Accounts		42,752.9
	TOTAL	94,097.7
LIABILITIES		
1) Capital & Reserves		1,359.7
2) Balances due to banks abroad		2,517.1
3) Balances due to banks in Saudi Arabia		30,307.1
4) Demand, Time and Savings Deposits		5,497.3
5) Other deposits		11,663.6
6) Other Liabilities		42,752.9
7) Contra Accounts		42,752.9
	TOTAL	94,097.7

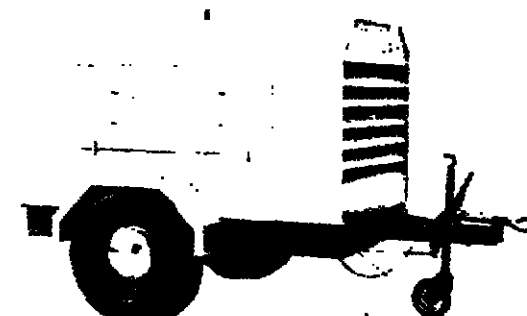
Abu Dhabi imports up 17.5%

ABU DHABI, Aug. 25 (R)—The value of Abu Dhabi's imports reached 1.37 billion dirhams (about \$355 million) during the first quarter of this year, a 17.5 per cent rise over the same period last year, according to official figures published here Friday.

The official Emirates News Agency said the United States replaced Japan as Abu Dhabi's leading supplier.

The top suppliers in the quarter were the United States at 260 million dirhams.

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4 NGOMEL CHAU	U.E.P	GENERAL
7 NORDWEGE	KANOO	GENERAL
8 STRAHL ENFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL
10 AMICO DEFENDER	KANOO	BUILDING MATERIAL
11 STEPHANOS	S.A.I.T.E	GENERAL
12 VERGOTTIS		
13 STRATHDIRK	KANOO	GENERAL
16 STOCKENFELS	ALIREZA	GEN./CONTAINERS
17 KEN FUNG	S.E.A.	GENERAL
18 MALDIV ENERGY	ORRI	GENERAL
19 NEW TRIUMPH	GOSAIBI	C.CEMENT
20 UNION ENTERPRISE	S.E.A.	M.CEMENT
21 STAVERN	BARBER	BULK CEMENT (D.B.)
22 SEA TRAIN SPAIN	ALQURAISHI	CONTAINERS
25 TOYOTA MARU-NO. 20.	ALIREZA	CARS

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GHAZI-11	GULF
ESPRESSO MARLEN	L.A.C.C.
BARON NAPIER	GULF
IBN KHALIKAN	KANOO
CHASTINE	
MAERSK	KANOO
FALKENFELS	ALIREZA
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2 COLUMBIALAND	FAYEZ	CONTAINERS	23/8
4 SINCERE TRADER	VENUS	PLYWOOD/IRON/GEN.	17/8
5 ABUL FEDA	SEASIA	GENERAL CARGO	17/8
6 AL MUBARAKIAH	KANOO	STEELS & CONTAINERS	21/8
7 UNION ADEN	O.C.E.	CONTR./TIMBER/MACHY, GENERAL	
8 MAMMOTH PINE	ALSAADA	RICE/SOYA BEANS/GEN.	18/8
9 APOLLO PEAK	A.E.T.	GENERAL CARGO	18/8
10 TRUE JOY	BARBER	TIMBER	21/8
12 CLIMAX SAPPHIRE	O.C. TRADE	TILES	22/8
13 MITERA STELLA	SEASIA	BAGGED CEMENT	20/8
14 FAETHON	KANOO	CONTAINERS & RICE	5/8
15 CRIVENCIA	ATTAR	IRON/TEA/GLASS/GEN.	21/8
18 ACHILLUS	ROFACO	BULK CEMENT	22/8
20 MARE CARABICO	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	19/8
21 LISSABON	ROLACO	STEEL BARS	22/8
23 FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	ORRI	HOTEL SHIP	22/8

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N HEX RIVIER	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	22/8
S DEMETRIOS 'C'	O.C.E.	CHICKENS	15/8

NORTH EXT:

A ATLANTIC FOREST (BARGES)	KANOO	RICE/FLOUR/ST'L/CEM./GENERAL	20/8
A KOSMAS	O. TRADE	PIPES/TILES/TIMBER/GEN.	19/8
B ELI 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	6/8
D ALASSIRI	ALSABA	STEEL & CONTAINERS	21/8
E DONG MYUNG	SEASIA	TIMBER/PLYWOOD/GEN.	22/8

VESSLS ARRIVED DURING PAST 24 HRS.

GARDENIA	MTA	CONTAINERS	23/8
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The closed eye of the Yemen

By David Hirst

ADEN — The blood is not flowing in the streets of Aden. Abdul Fatah Ismail, the victor of the recent power struggle and undisputed "strongman" of South Yemen, has not — as certain newspapers would have us believe — ordered his men to leave their victims' bodies in the streets for the eyes of a terrified populace.

That said, however, the former British colony is hardly a carefree place. For centuries Aden has been a crossroads between extremes of prosperity and indigence. It is traditionally known as the Eye (capital) of the Yemen, that wild and mountainous country's window on the world. Its port is a conduit for an intellectual ferment that ultimately percolates into the interior. It flourishes when it is free to fulfil its natural function, it declines when the turbulent politics of the hinterland disrupt it.

Its last great period of prosperity occurred when, as Aden Colony, free zone, military base and favored bunkering station on one of the world's great shipping lanes, the hinterland was kept firmly under control by the despotism of the Imams in the north, and British military intervention against unruly tribes and sultanates in the South.

But the disruptive politics of the hinterland are now on top again. Aden was never meant to be a capital, and although, given the existence of two Yemens instead of the one to which all Yemenis aspire, that role has been thrust upon it, it is quite unlike any other Arab metropolis. Whereas all the others are in their various ways booming, bustling and rapidly expanding, Aden has actually shrunk since independence.

Crater, Sheikh Othman and other of the component parts, divided from one another by the crash of Mount Shamsam, retain an authentic character of their own. But the rich commercial heart of the place, the most familiar to foreigners, beats no more. Indeed, it is not to lament the inevitable passing of British colonialism to say that, with what has taken its place, Aden seems to have lost its soul. Supermarkets, container ships, the growth of air transport, doomed it to decline anyway, but the self-styled "scientific Socialists" who succeeded the British have certainly contributed their share. They have at all but closed the Eye of the Yemen, both for the native looking out and the foreigner peering in. It is the antithesis of what it was. It is the most isolated capital in the Arab world.

On the surface, it is still redolent of that not-so-distant past with which the new rulers, invaders from the hinterland, have so thoroughly broken. Unlike other radicals, they have not systematically sought to erase every minuscule trace of it. The names are still the same. It is still Steamer Point and Telegraph Bay.

But hardly anyone comes ashore at Steamer Point anymore. And it is not just the passenger ships. Since independence and the simultaneous closure, for eight years, of the Suez Canal, the cargos have not been coming in anything like their old profusion either. A British Petroleum flag still flies proudly over a handsome waterfront building. It marks a curious anomaly of an imperialist Aden, the only surviving British operation left in the place. It is survival at a price, for the annual tonnage of services, with a staff of 280, is forbidden to diminish. All signs are now attributed to him.

100,000 today. And politics keeps interfering. North Yemen, at odds with the Communists of the South, has now hermetically sealed its frontiers. Even the benighted Imams, in rousing southern tribes against the British, took care to keep the caravan routes open.

As for the free zone, it is nothing but a nostalgic memory. The government has not taken over the waterfront shops — as it has much else — but they are shuttered and bolted.

The signs are fading away. Inspirational slogans of a rather uninspiring kind — "no to war, fascism and imperialism, yes to peace, liberation and democracy" — are pasted all about them. The merchants along with a whole retinue of clerks, artisans and subsidiary businesses, have long since fled to the oil-rich parts of the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen is one of the great emigre societies of the Arab world, but the exodus reached such proportions that the regime stepped in to halt it — first by extracting a large deposit from the would-be emigrant and then by preventing him from taking his family with him.

All that is left is a handful of run-down stores in the immediate vicinity of the jetty, state-owned, ill-tocked and with little interest in the business they do.

Aden's foreign community dreams of its occasional up-country picnics. But only when they are armed with a special permission from the foreign ministry, by no means easy to secure, can they venture forth.

Many regimes discourage their citizens from talking to foreigners except in the strict line of business, but the South Yemeni regime is perhaps the only one which has inscribed such a prohibition on the statute books. Even Arabs count as foreigners. Wall posters warn against the pitfalls of hospitality:

"Flaunting secrets before others is a catastrophe. Don't be embarrassed to refuse the gift which puts you in the enemy's hand."

The government is afraid that its outside enemies will aid and abet the enemy within. That is what it says happened in June when none other than the late president himself, Salem Rubaya Ali, turned "traitor" to the revolution and, according to the official version, ordered his tribal followers to open fire from fortified positions in the grounds of the presidential palace — Government House in British days — against his ministers and party leaders assembled in the administrative secretariat just across a sandy cove.

For the side which supposedly started it, they inflicted remarkably little damage on the secretariat, while the MIG 17's and MIG 21's, taking off from the former British airbase at Khormaksar, did a thorough demolition job on the Round House — another British construction with an underground access to the sea through which Rubaya Ali was unable to make a getaway. If he had, the outcome might have been different.

It would not have been his portrait that came down from every public place, but those of his two comrades in the former ruling trioka.

Such is the fate of a "deviationist individualist" who thought to rise above the "organizational legitimacy" of the party, and its collective leadership. All signs are now attributed to him.

The consequences of not far from his residence depot of Japanese trucks is another out in the

Almost \$100 million worth of detentions say. Ruba "individualist" idea of inflation was to impose things now, rather than the need arose. But I cannot use the lorry there are no entrepreneurs. So they are not. It is the kind of mess which (Gulf states) barely notice, but So men does not have a oil.

With the overthrow of baya Ali, the regime into a closer embrace Soviet Union. The Cubans and East Germany the new "colonialists," boring enemies say. A well-built Cubans, se advisers with the People's, cut a fine figure Mohr Breach, once serve of British off high-ranking colonial.

These new foreigners popular with the politicians. They spend little they develop little personal, and they are with the new order of food markets, it is the ners who get favored in dangerous.

For them ever-scarce of the ordinary man's ent less, but eloquent form test where its more ove are dangerous.

Ironically, it is the colonial masters who most from old ties and tions. The South Yemen have much money, but ter—from eight million (about \$15 million) in 24 million pounds (about million) in 1977 — it any other Arab count of Rubaya Ali's last a constructive acts of daulism — occasional poor performance of tractors — was to emergency president for a consignment of Ferguson. It remains seen whether the old lists will do as well triumph of Abdul F mail, "organizational party" and the "new-mo guard party" he plans lish.

North Yemeni Foreigner Abdullah Al-Asa home Sunday after a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Asnag held talks with Minister Prince S. Faisal which were described within the context continuous process of tations between the K and North Yemen on lidity.

He was seen off at port by Sheikh Abdul Mansouri, deputy fore nister for political affa len Sunbul, the head foreign ministry's prote partment and Yemeni sador to Saudi Arabia: moud Al-Jasfi.

Earlier North Yemen Minister Abdul Aziz Ghani visited the King performed the minor age before leaving for Aug. 16.

Radio Sanaa quoted as saying that the govern policy towards "the ru Aden, who have killed late President Ahmad sein Ghashmi, has not ed." — (G)

AMERICAN 'IDEAS'

The excitement preceding the Camp David summit conference between President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin may prove to be a case where playing the game is more important than winning. Peace plans or their absence add the necessary spice to the feverish buildup to the conference itself, but come September 5 the whole conference may fizzle out in a day or two, once more the boat of Arab rights crashing on the rock of Israeli intransigence with the American navigator looking the other way.

The greatest controversy now centers around the alleged American peace plan or absence of one. The Washington administration has repeatedly said that it has no such plan and that at best it will submit ideas to the two sides without the slightest attempt at exerting pressure on either of them. But Washington sources equally emphatically talk of an American plan and explain away the administration's denials by its need to pre-empt the set ideas of the two sides.

As is usual in such cases the problem may be one of definition. The Americans prefer not to appear as imposing a solution hence their position at Camp David will have to be one of extreme caution. They realize that President Sadat is committed to general peace and that deep down at heart Begin does not care for any form of definite peace proposals.

What worries the traditional Arab mediators most is that the Arab countries may again split over their interpretation of Camp David results. Those mediators have already secured a pledge from President Sadat not to accept any bilateral settlement with Israel on the assumption that should the conference fail, the Arabs could then sit together and plan for the future. But what constitutes a partial or bilateral agreement? Israel wants to reach a separate deal with Egypt over parts of Sinai but if the Americans make such an agreement the first phase in a plan for general peace, would that make the result partial or general? There have been persistent reports that Egypt may be offered an Israeli evacuation from a line running down from near Al Arish to near Sharm el-Sheikh, incorporating the former but not the latter. The Americans would like to see this evacuation as a first step towards Israeli withdrawal from most of Gaza Strip and the West Bank over a period of five years during which the Palestinians would show whether they want a separate state or a link with Jordan or Israel.

If the Camp David summit comes up with such a result there can be no doubt that Arab divisions will grow deeper and more bitter. In the end the two sides may be right or wrong; it all depends on the American position. If a first step in Sinai does lead to general settlement in three to five years, the agreement would not be partial. But if Egypt accepts a deal in Sinai and then Israel balks, the worst fears of the other Arabs will have been realized. The U.S. must guarantee any agreement reached at Camp David as the only way to assure the Arab side that the normalization of relations with Israel will not be wasted if Israel changes its mind just before the end of the settlement deadline. At the moment, talking of three or five years is arbitrary. But whatever the period may be, the Americans need to give air-tight guarantees that implementation will proceed without snags.

But that is seeing too much into the future. The possibility of failure remains far greater than any little chance of peace.

Let Blumenthal join the team

By Hobart Rowen
WASHINGTON

Few Secretaries of the U.S. Treasury have experienced the kind of regular sniping directed by the White House staff against W. Michael Blumenthal, a fact that leaves many of his friends and associates bewildered and troubled.

They see him as a broad, sensitive man who came to the Treasury superbly equipped for the job by a Ph. D. in economics and extensive government experience as a trade negotiator in the 1960s Kennedy round.

Moreover, as a businessman-Democrat for Carter (he was chief executive officer of Bendix Corp.) with a reputation for being alive to social issues, he seemed to be a nice fit for the administration. As a matter of fact, it was a passionate evaluation of urban problems at a Plains pre-inaugural meeting that won him the cabinet post.

But it hasn't worked out smoothly for Blumenthal. He's never got close to the "Georgia Mafia," and he's had serious problems, some of his own making, with the business community. His business friends haven't yet forgiven his naive in appearing to be talking down the dollar last year. That's something Treasury secretaries are not supposed to do. A simple man, with none of the flamboyance of, say, a Robert Strauss (special trade representative) or smoothness of William Miller (Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board), he doesn't get a particularly favorable press. Abroad, it has been downright harsh.

The latest contretemps with the White House arises out of Blumenthal's conviction that Congress this year will slash

capital gains taxes, despite Carter's opposition.

As Blumenthal said in an interview during the Bonn summit preparations on July 15, "I happen to believe that some changes in capital gains taxes make sense, and would be good for business and for the economy."

He explained all this to Carter (at White House staff urging) on "Air Force One" on the way to Bonn. Carter, according to Blumenthal, told him to see what he could come up with — without committing Carter to a change in his original tax proposals, which left the capital gains structure essentially unchanged.

But no sooner had the Carter team got back to Washington than press secretary Jody Powell was telling reporters that Carter has not authorized the Secretary of the Treasury or any one to enter into agreements about what he will or will not accept in this area.

It was a needless putdown by Powell, and not the first time. Blumenthal hadn't committed Carter to anything. Powell's words could only mean, despite later denials, an effort by adamant White House opponents of any compromise to undercut Blumenthal.

Yet, typical of the indecision for which the administration has been justly criticized, things were thrown into reverse by Aug. 4. There was Blumenthal at a formal press conference, flanked by White House domestic staff chief Stuart Eizenstat, reportedly the White House hardliner against any capital gains relief. Together they announced support for a new capital gains proposal sponsored by two liberal Democrats.

The administration thus has made a mess of managing the

tax bill. Democratic leaders in Congress don't know what Carter wants or will approve. In the process, the administration has further damaged its own credibility and weakened the man who ought to be its No. 1 spokesman on tax issues.

Why do such shenanigans go on in this administration?

Blumenthal has had an especially rough time ever since Powell and Hamilton Jordan chose to lay some blame on him for Bert Lance's departure under a cloud. Yet, the only explanation of this irrational attitude was that the report exposing Carter's best friend came from the Comptroller of the Currency, an office technically under the Treasury's jurisdiction, run by a man recommended by Blumenthal. Should there have been a cover-up?

Justified or not, the coolness between the White House and Blumenthal has become a fact of life that affects the Secretary's relationships with the business community. In short, he is not thought of as the man who can effectively get Carter's ear for business. And it was a blow to his prestige when Carter turned to Strauss, not Blumenthal, to direct the anti-inflation fight.

The final irony is that the business community — for different reasons from the White House — wishes Blumenthal had kept his hands off the capital gains issue.

Blumenthal could be forgiven if he's concluded that, sometimes, you can't win in the Washington rat race. Which is too bad, because he is potentially one of the more capable cabinet officers, a man with few phony airs who could be useful to the White House — if they'd let him join the team. — (WP)

High stakes at Camp David

By Oswald Johnston
WASHINGTON

President Jimmy Carter's decision to push for a summit meeting at Camp David with Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat has been widely interpreted here, by friends and critics alike, as a high-stakes gamble whose failure could cause serious if not irreparable damage to U.S. interests in the Middle East.

Less obvious in the immediate aftermath of the dramatic White House announcement of a summit is the fact that Sadat and Begin, too, are taking a certain risk — and that both of them, like Carter, are dealing from positions

of relative weakness. If anything, this only increases the hazard of the enterprise.

All three leaders will be ignoring some basic principles of summery by agreeing to meet at Camp David on such short notice. Sadat in particular likes to have negotiating conferences well prepared in advance, and Camp David not only will have no preordained result, but will probably not even have a prepared agenda that all parties agree on.

Yet in the week or so before the Camp David summit meeting was announced, things were scarcely less gloomy. When Carter made his decision July 30 to play the card of summery—the last re-

maining trump in the U.S. hand — the administration's Middle East policy was floundering.

A campaign against Begin's perceived intransigence on the issue of Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory had backfired politically and Begin seemed more strongly entrenched at home than ever.

Then, when Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met Egyptian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kamel at Leeds Castle in mid-July and hinted at some slight compromise on fundamental positions, Sadat rejected the suggestion as a further hardening of Israeli policy. Dismissing the offer of possible territorial compromise

as a step backward, Sadat declared that no further direct talks could take place until Begin yielded on the territorial issue: Total withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza would be the only acceptable basis for a peace settlement.

American disappointment was great.

That U.S. officials were mistaken meant that Sadat was nearer to the end of his peace initiative than Carter, Vance and their aides had been prepared to believe. Revising their view, U.S. officials began to place more emphasis than before on moves within the Arab world to persuade Sadat to abandon the ini-

tiative undertaken in Jerusalem last November and return to the Arab fold.

The State Department felt that time was running out, and that any alternative to continued stalemate and a gradual return to the no-war, no-peace state that preceded the October 1975 war required drastic measures. So Carter "put his neck on the line," as one senior U.S. official put it later.

For Begin, it was a different problem. The Israelis have been aware since the start of the Sadat initiative for peace that U.S. conceptions of the fundamentals of a peace agreement have been closer to Egypt's way of thinking than to Israel's — particularly to Be-

gin's.

On the key questions of the Palestinians and the West Bank and Gaza territories, Cairo and Washington were in virtual agreement: They both supported substantial if not total Israeli withdrawal with security guarantees to be implemented after a 5-year transition period, and participation by Palestinians in determining their political future.

What the Israelis counted on, however, was that the Americans — Vance in particular — have more sympathy for the Israeli's legalistic, step-by-step bargaining technique than for Sadat's visionary belief that the fundamental issue of Arab sovereignty and Israeli

security can be solved all at once with the stroke of a pen.

The Israelis, therefore, were hoping that the Americans would continue to play a secondary role as mediators; in effect, supporting Begin in his lawyerly technique of piling up nickels and dimes and dotting Is and crossing Ts — even while their basic sympathies lay with Sadat.

For Sadat, the problem was exactly opposite. Confident in his own belief that his position is one of right, he has been more or less confident that Carter agrees with him. The difficulty has been one of technique.

Now, thanks to Carter's de-

cision to commit the pr of his person and his offi a tripartite summit conf at Camp David, Sadat reason to believe he has ieved his objective of w American participation in process as a full partner

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Sadat will arrive at C David fully expectant Carter and the Americans no longer indulge the in in their piddling attention detail. — (LAT)

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Book review

The evolution of Islam in Africa as a religious culture

"The Influence of Islam Upon Africa," Revised edition. By J.S. Trimingham. Librairie du Liban (Arab Background Series). Price: SR 22.

By F.W. Rawding
JEDDAH—Dr. Trimingham has established a considerable reputation as a leading authority in the regional studies of Islam south of the Sahara. He was head of the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies in the University of Glasgow and a visiting Professor in the University of Beirut. He is now in retirement. This view of Islam as a cultural influence in Africa as a whole was written in the light of much travel and research and a lifetime's commitment to Islamic scholarship. It was first published in 1968.

In his preface, Trimingham defines his objective as a study of the historical evolution in Africa of Islam as a religious culture. He will show how the penetration of Islam has changed African societies universally or separately. In order to bring the movement up to date, he proposes to show how, in its turn, Islam has been affected by the pressures of a secular culture originating in the Western influences of modern times.

He differentiates, too, on the impact of Islam on those regions of Africa bordering on the Mediterranean, which was very early, and that on the region south of the Sahara, which was as late as the nineteenth century. In the first region, an integrated Islamic culture was founded, while in the second, the African peoples are still in various stages of transition between lesser and greater degrees of fusion.

In an introductory chapter—Africa Marginal to the Islamic World—Trimingham makes an important distinction between the terms civilization and culture. Civilization, he proposes, relates to city life and defines

those aspects of man's experience by which he controls his environment. Culture is concerned with the way life itself is lived. Of course, finally, the terms are inseparable, but if the point is made that civilization remains at a primitive level in sub-Saharan Africa, it should not be taken as a pejorative statement but simply reflecting the fact that the adoption of Islam did not change the capacity of Africans to control their environment.

The adoption of Islam did lead, eventually, to significant cultural change. Thus, Trimingham argues, the Mediterranean zone of Africa is completely in the Islamic world, while the rest of the continent remains on the periphery, behind the barrier of the Sahara.

He suggests four main areas of Islamic culture: Egyptian and Maghribi, northern and highly developed; Negro and Hamitic, southern and less developed. Each area is different in the degree to which it has absorbed and been molded by Islam and also by the underlying differences of indigenous culture.

Trimingham maintains that Islamic culture is based upon urban civilization and spread by city-based trading relationships. Where there were no cities, as among the Bantu and Nilotic tribes, it did not penetrate.

In Chapter One, he expands this premise and deals in detail with the histories and characteristics of the zones of Islamic culture he defines.

In Mediterranean Africa, Egypt is treated first with its extraordinary ancient and many-patterned culture. Egypt itself participated in the evolution of Islamic culture, for after the Mongol incursions destroyed the centers of Islam in Asia, Cairo became the main center of learning. The Maghrib, on the other hand, has no unified

history, and the problem here was to achieve a political balance between the nomad and the city dweller. The presence of nomads in large numbers led to the rise and fall of many states. The Berbers took fully to Islam only when it was seen as an element additional to their own culture and not one replacing it. This has led to the evolution of the special character of Islam in the Maghrib.

The evolution of Islam in the Western Sudan is complicated by the presence of many different tribal groups, affiliations and conflicts. By the eleventh century, important tribal chiefs had become Muslim and soon afterwards so had many of the peripheral tribes. In the area generally, it appears that compromise and accommodation was normal between Islam and existing indigenous religions until relatively recent times.

The difference in the evolution of Islam in the central Sudan is explained by Trimingham as the result of the existence of three important trans-Saharan routes penetrating that area. Pilgrimages to Mecca became an important feature of the culture of the region as early as 1100. Gradually, small Islamic chiefdoms and states evolved.

The Eastern Sudan was an area of interaction between Hamitic Negro and Arab Africa. Islam penetrated this part of Africa relatively late. While the Hamitic peoples tended to readily absorb all aspects of Islamic culture, the Nubians often retained their own languages and organizations intact.

The Ethiopian zone, according to Trimingham, illustrates the greatest contrasts, geographically and anthropologically. Islam reached the western Red Sea coast within a hundred years of the Hijrah and spread quickly among the nomads of the interior. Again, Islamic expansion

took place along established trade routes.

East Africa was among the regions most easily accessible to the penetration of Islam and by about 1250, numerous small Muslim states had been established on the coast. These had commercial links with Arabia, the Gulf and even with India and Java. The penetration of the interior, however, occurred as a by-product of Western colonial activity towards the end of the nineteenth century. Islam has not yet been fully integrated into the social structure of the Bantu peoples and some of the Hamitic and Nilotic tribes remain entirely unaffected.

Chapter Two deals with the problems of religious and cultural change. Trimingham summarizes the penetration of Islam and suggests reasons which affected its rate of absorption. He shows that the two principal movements in the process were trade and nomadism. As to the stages of conversion to Islam, taking into account the multiplicity of factors, he proposes three; namely, Germination, Crisis and Re-orientation. The first might be the result of an encounter with a trader or missionary. The second is the process of accepting the real elements of Islam; prayer, prohibition etc. At this point, the crisis occurs as the tribal religion begins to fall away. The final stage, which may require a long time to work itself out, marks the period when the old religious authority is consciously rejected. An average group conversion could occur, for example, over three generations or, say, 60 years. The adoption of Islam gradually transforms local African cultures and life becomes based upon an entirely new spiritual foundation. This, of course, is a radical change and it will radically alter the basis of society, its beliefs, rituals and communal relationships.

Chapter Three deals with the religious life of African Muslims and it contains this useful summary: "Islam for the ordinary adherent is not an intellectual exercise. It is absorbed and maintains its hold because it is a system of life. It teaches and binds by ritual. In practical life, theology is not an important factor. The important thing is the performance of the rites and the adoption of such customs as differentiate the believer from other." This seems to suit very well the needs of African peoples, whose vision of the world and of the universe is, essentially, a practical one. Islam produces unifying factors in what is, arguably, the most diverse society of mankind.

In Chapter Four, Trimingham explains the influences of Islam on African social life. These are summarized as a new vision of man in the universe; man as a member of a community; man with duties and responsibilities under the Law. The role of the Arabs in these African cultural evolutions cannot be over-estimated. The Holy Koran and the Arabic language stimulated indigenous African cultures to a more vital existence. Trimingham shows how the influence extends back to centuries before Islam itself.

Chapter Five deals with African Muslims in an area of change. Here, the author describes the effects of European colonialism on Islam in Africa and sees them, on the whole, as not disruptive or negative.

The Post Colonial period is, of course, still working itself out. The full impact of a modern, secular culture has still to be quantified, especially in political and educational categories.

This is a most interesting and thought-provoking work and

clearly one which proceeds from an intimate knowledge of and concern for the peoples of Africa. For the non-specialist reader, it promises to fill in

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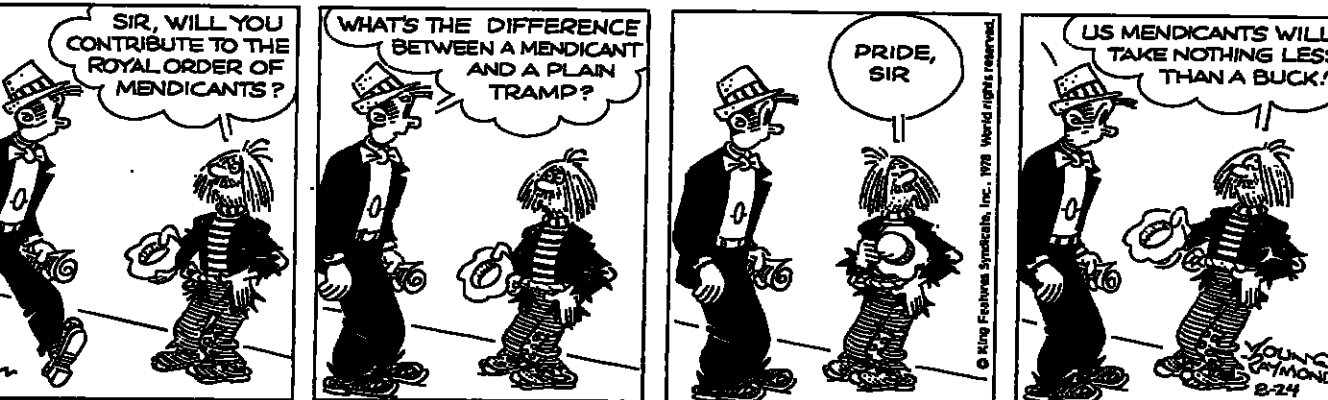
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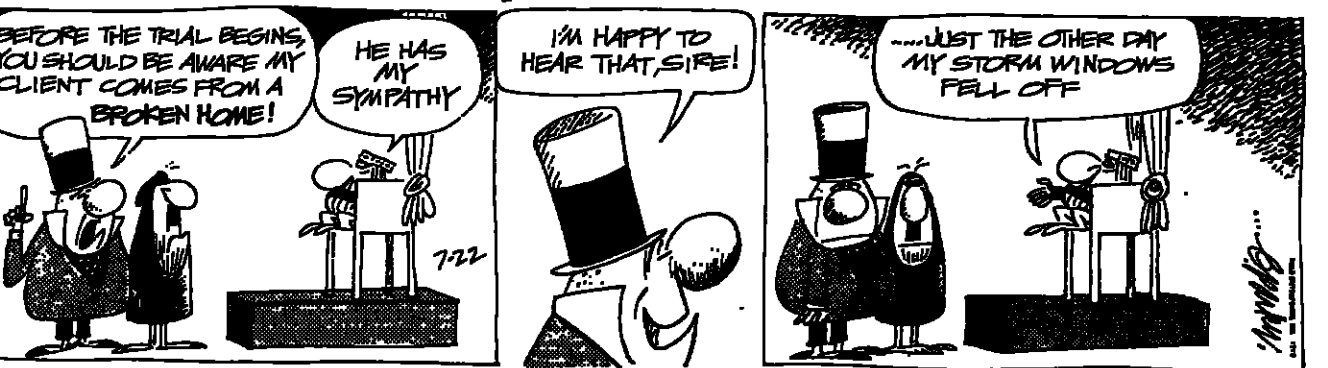
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

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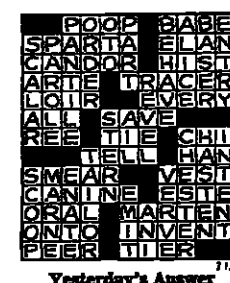
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Yesterday's Answer

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JOVZOCWX - XOAPWD SYBVXYV

Yesterday's Cryptquote: I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MANKIND CONSUMES TOO MUCH FOOD - SYDNEY SMITH

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:48	6:07	12:30	3:53	6:46	8:46
Medina	4:43	6:02	12:30	3:59	6:50	8:50
Nejd	4:16	5:38	12:01	3:38	6:19	8:19

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Childrens Show	Mr. Rogers No. 1224, Zoom No. 432
5:00 Man from Atlantis	IMP
5:49 Jokers Wild	NL 493
6:08 Welcome BK Kotter	No. 208 Chicken Ala Kotter
6:33 Harry-O	Mysterious Case
7:24 Health Education	Do it for them Mother
7:25 Baratta	Playin police
8:25 Second run Theater	Luv

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Chances persist for a rain fall over the western and south-western highlands. A usual summer weather will prevail over most parts of the Kingdom, tending to be hot over the eastern and central regions. Surface winds will blow mostly northerly at moderate speed.
Sea conditions will be light to medium in the territorial waters.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)					
Mecca	41	32	Taif	34	23
Jeddah	37	26	Tabuk	35	21
Riyadh	41	25	Turaif	35	18
Dhahran	42	27	Bisha	38	23
Medina	42	29	Abha	28	15

SAUDI RADIO

SATURDAY	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Reflections on Fasting
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:40 Carefree	10:30 Sports Review
	11:00 Islamic Activities on Focus
	11:10 Press Review
	11:15 I'm Sorry I'll read that again
	11:45 The Golden Age
	12:00 Music
	12:15 Mood Music
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion; Analysis	11:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	
10:15 Opinion; Analysis	

BBC

7:00 World News	8:40 Look Ahead
7:09 News about Britain	4:45 The Storytellers
7:15 Our own correspondent	4:50 World News
7:30 "Divertimento"	5:09 "Book Choice"
7:45 "Lives of Lives"	5:15 "The Secret War"
8:00 World News	5:45 Sportsall
8:09 Reflections	6:00 World News
8:15 "The Pleasure's Yours"	6:05 News about Britain
9:00 World News	6:15 Radio Nystroel
9:00 British Press Review	6:30 What's New
9:15 From the Weeklies	7:00 Radio Theatre
9:30 New Ideas	7:45 Face of England
9:40 Look Ahead	8:00 World News
9:45 Sports Review	8:09 Commentary
10:15 Scotland '77	8:15 Letterbox
10:30 Sunday Service	8:30 Sunday Half-hour
11:00 World News	9:00 Theatre Call (ex 4th, Europe)
11:09 News about Britain	9:15 "Europa (ex 4th, From the Music Festival)
11:15 Our own correspondent	9:30 From the Music Festival (ex 4th)
11:30 My Kind of Jazz (ex 18th, 25th, Let the People Sing)	9:45 4th, Athletics
	10:00 World News
	10:09 "Our own correspondent"
	10:35 "Book Choice"
	10:40 Reflections
	10:45 Sportsall
	11:00 World News
	11:09 Commentary
	11:15 New Ideas
	11:25 Notes from an 'observer'
	11:30 Folk and Country

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 20) ♈
Some dubious schemes may be suggested. Turn a deaf ear. Also, avoid eccentric behavior, extremes in word or deed.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 to May 21) ♉
A beneficent Venus especially encourages artistic aspirations, romance, domestic affairs and new friendships. An all-around good day!

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) ♊
Fine stellar influences stimulate your special gifts. Look beyond the immediate for true perspective. Initiative should be kept now.

CANCER (June 22 to July 23) ♋
Strongly auspicious aspects should lend fresh vigor and zest to day's activities. Capitalize on your inventiveness and gift for improvisation.

LEO (July 24 to Aug. 23) ♌
Reconsider a proposition which you did not think as attractive at first. Could it hold more interest in the light of recent developments? Probe deeply.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) ♍
Stress self-control and self-reliance. Don't count too much on the cooperation of others at present.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) ♎
You have an exceptionally good planetary setup now but must toe the line, nevertheless, to avoid friction with those who are not in so comfortable a spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23) ♏
A special way of saying the right thing at the right time will be rewarding. Be cognizant of "tricky" situations and handle as required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) ♐
Your perceptions may need some keenness now. Be sure to take all factors into account when sizing up unexpected circumstances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) ♑
Single-handedly you can institute improvements in many areas. Tie up loose ends and plan new undertakings, but minor matters may tend to distract. Don't let them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) ♒
Especially favored now: personal relationships, avocational interests, travel plans and outdoor pursuits. A good day!

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) ♓
Mixed influences. You can hold your own through thoughtful management - plus a dash of imagination. Take possible changes of plan in stride.

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Dibbs ousted in 'shocker'

Upsets at U.S. Pro meet

BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 25 (AP) — Jose Luis Clerc, a young Argentine hoping to follow in the footsteps of countryman Guillermo Vilas, upset second-seeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-2 Thursday in the third round of the 51st U.S. Pro tennis championships at Longwood.

Clerc, seeded 12th in his first appearance here, needed exactly 61 minutes to oust Ramirez in the upset just 14 hours after top-seeded Eddie Dibbs was eliminated by unheralded Victor Pecci of Paraguay in one of the year's biggest shocks.

Urged on by coach Pat Rodriguez, a former Davis Cup player in Argentina, the 20-year-old Clerc whipped Ramirez in virtually every phase of the game. He changed the net with reckless abandon, forcing the Mexican into many errors.

He also capitalized on Ramirez' weak service.

Clerc, who completed a military commitment in Argentina last spring before joining the world tour for the first time, boasts one tournament victory. He has been runnerup four times, including last Sunday in the Canadian Open.

"I played very well," Clerc said. "To win two sets from Ramirez is very good for me. He didn't play very well and I did...I like to play big (name) players. That way I'll get better."

"It was one of those days," Ramirez said. "He didn't surprise me. I knew he was good. I just surprised myself playing so badly. I had a lot of trouble concentrating because of the doubles match on the adjacent court. It was very tough."

Bjorn Borg, who needs the U.S. Open title for his pursuit of tennis' grand slam, Wednesday was seeded first for the event, which will begin Aug. 29.

Borg has won the first jewels of the grand slam — the French Open and Wimbledon — and needs the U.S. Open and the Australian Open in December to win the four major national championships in one year.

Jimmy Connors, a former U.S. Open winner who was beaten easily by Borg in this year's Wimbledon final, was seeded second. Defending champion Guillermo Vilas, who beat Connors in last year's U.S. Open finals, was seeded third.

Vitas Gerulaitis was the fourth seed and Eddie Dibbs was rated fifth.



RECORD RUN: U.S. swimmer Jesse Vassallo shown in winning form.

U.S. swimmers on golden days

BERLIN, Aug. 25 (AP) — Linda Jezek set a world record in the women's 200-meter backstroke and saved U.S. swimmers from a gold medal shut-out in Thursday's individual events at the world swimming championships.

However, the American men's 800-meter freestyle relay team of Bruce Furniss, Bill Forrester, Bobby Hackett and Ambrose Gaines set a world record of 7:30.82, easily beating the mark of 7:23.22 set by an American team at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

The Soviet Union was second in 7:28.41 and West Germany was third in 7:33.29.

Jezek won her event in 2:11.93, finishing more than two seconds ahead of East German Birgit Treiber, who held the old record of 2:12.47.

That victory, Jezek's second in individual events in the championships, came after favored Americans lost chances for gold in the women's 400-meter freestyle and the men's 200-meter medley.

In afternoon qualifying, Tracy Caulkins, the American who has collected more gold medals than most of the teams, failed to qualify for the women's 200-meter breaststroke.

The finals saw world records fall in all four individual events — women's 400-meter freestyle, 200-meter backstroke and 200-meter breaststroke and the men's 200-meter medley.

Fifteen-year-old Lina Kachushite of the Soviet Union, an unranked newcomer, bettered the world mark of 2:33.11 that she had set a few hours earlier by winning the 200-meter breaststroke in 2:31.42. It was the first event in which no Americans placed.

"I never at all figured I could get this title," Kachushite, a newcomer to international competition, said, sitting beside deposed champion teammate Julia Bogdanova, 14.

Bogdanova, quiet and bespectacled, set a world mark of 2:33.32 in her hometown of Leningrad this past April.

Tracy Wickham, world record holder in the 800 and 1,500-meter freestyle, added the 400-meter freestyle to her record collection with a time of 4:06.28.

Finishing second behind the 15-year-old Australian was two-time gold medal winner Cynthia Woodhead of the U.S., in 4:07.15 and 15-year-old Kim Lienhain in 4:07.73. Lienhain, in her first international meet, set the world record of 4:07.66 in qualifying for the U.S. team last month.

Graham Smith of Canada reclaimed the world record in the men's 200-meter medley in 2:03.65 for Canada's first gold. Jesse Vassallo of the U.S., a double gold winner here, came in second in 2:04.99 and Alexander Sidorenko of the Soviet Union was third in 2:05.29.

American Steve Lundquist led briefly but dropped behind to fourth in 2:05.80.9.

In the women's 200-meter backstroke, Cheryl Gibson of Canada finished third behind Jezek and Treiber in 2:14.23.

Jezek, who also swam on the winning women's 400-meter relay team, picked up her third gold medal with the victory.

"Three starts, three gold medals, one world record," said the excited 17-year-old. "I am extremely happy."

The East Germans, the rising power in world swimming after the Montreal Olympics, failed to win a gold on Thursday. The East Germans had their best chance in the 200-meter backstroke, where Treiber had this year's leading time.

Wickham, winner of the 400-meter race, said she had not expected to win because of a shoulder injury and a heavy schedule at the Commonwealth Games earlier this month.

Baseball's AL West heats up

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP) — Eric Soderholm drove in three runs with a pair of doubles to give the Chicago White Sox a 4-1 victory over Kansas City Thursday night and knock the Royals out of first place in the American League West for the first time in more than a month.

The loss gave California, which was idle Thursday, a one-half game lead in the West division.

White Sox rookie Mike Proby, 4-2, scattered eight hits before needing relief help from Lerrin Lagrow, who got the last out. Paul Splittorff, 15-11, was the loser.

The Royals led the West by five games on July 28 but since then they have lost 15 of 26 games.

Elsewhere in the American League, the Cleveland Indians downed Milwaukee 9-8 on Andre Thornton's 11th-inning home run, his 26th of the season. The Indians trailed 8-3 after four innings but tied the game in the ninth on Duane Kuiper's RBI grounder. Dan Spillner, 3-1, the third Indians pitcher, got the win with 4 2/3 innings of relief.

Jim Sundberg smacked a three-run homer, his fifth, in the 10th inning to give Ferguson Jenkins, 12-8, and the Texas Rangers a 4-1 victory over Minnesota. Jenkins retired 27 of the last 28 Minnesota batters, yielded only four hits and struck out seven.

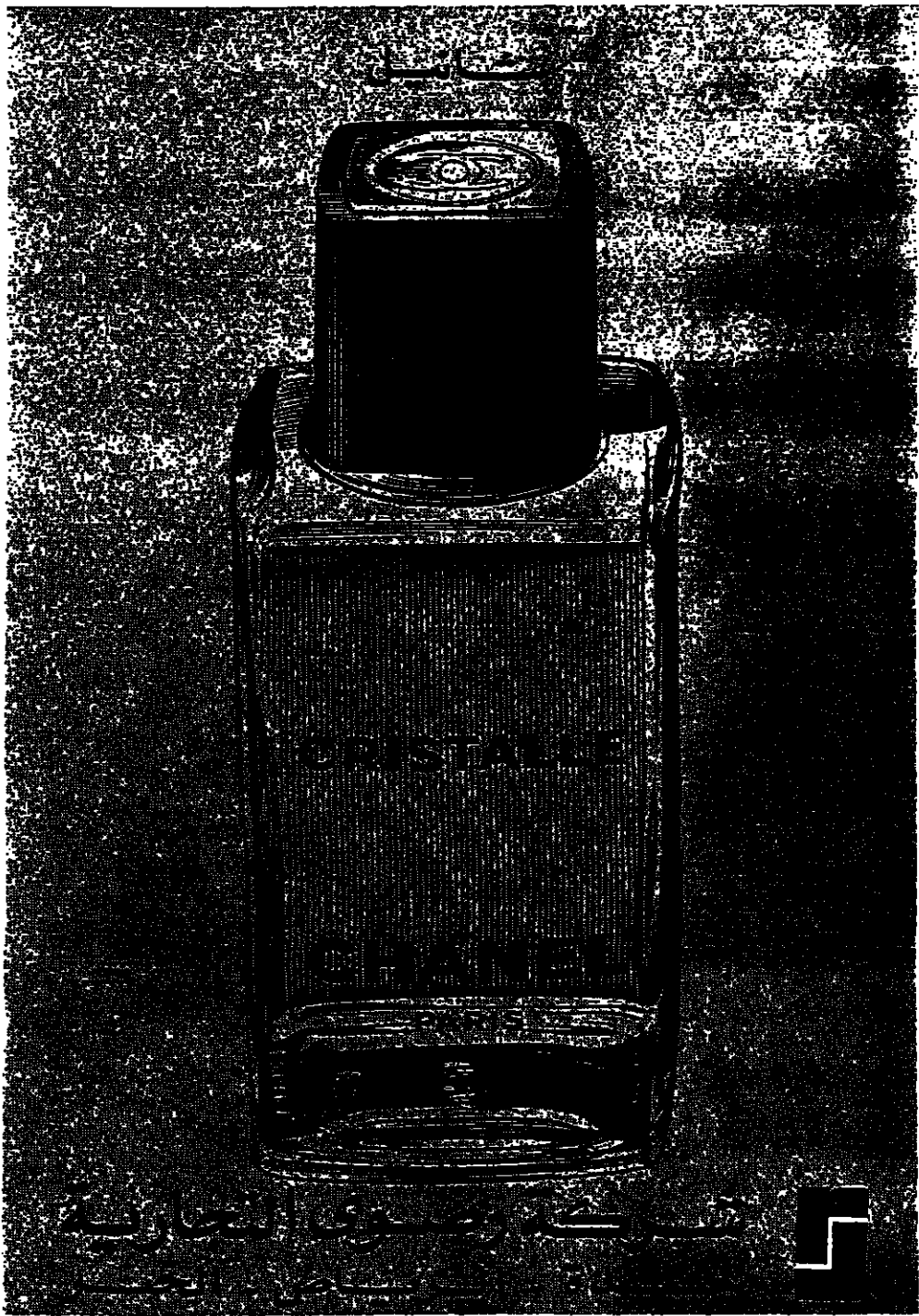
Rookie Lou Whitaker drove in two runs with a triple and scored a run on an error as the Detroit Tigers defeated Toronto 5-2, snapping the Blue Jays' winning streak at five games. Tigers starter Milt Wilcox, 11-8, tossed his 14th complete game of the season, scattering 11 hits.

In the National League, Pittsburgh defeated Atlanta 5-1 behind the pitching and hitting of Bert Blyleven. The victory was the Pirates' 10th straight, matching the longest winning streak this season in the league. Blyleven, 11-8, hurled 8 1/3 innings and had a three-run double in Pittsburgh's five-run seventh inning.

Mike Phillips hit a two-run single in St. Louis' three-run third inning and Pete Vuckovich, 12-9, notched his first career victory over Cincinnati as the Cards downed the Reds 4-3. All of Cincinnati's runs scored on Ken Griffey's homer, his eighth of the year.

In late National League action on the West Coast, John Stearns and Joel Youngblood each drove in two runs and rookie Mike Bruhart, 3-6, picked up the victory as the New York Mets downed San Diego 6-3 and snapped a four-game losing streak. Bruhart went 7 1/3 innings before left-hander Kevin Kobel relieved him. Gene Tenace gave San Diego its first run with his 15th homer of the season in the fifth.

Pinch-hitter Manny Mota singled home Bill Russell to cap a three-run rally in the eighth inning that gave Tommy John, 15-9, and the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 victory over Philadelphia. The victory moved Los Angeles a full game ahead of idle San Francisco in the National League West and dropped the first-place Phils to within 3 1/2 games of Chicago and Pittsburgh in the East division.



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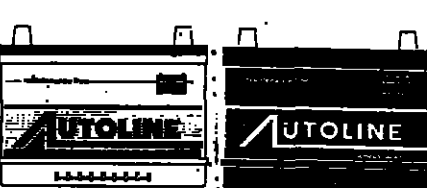
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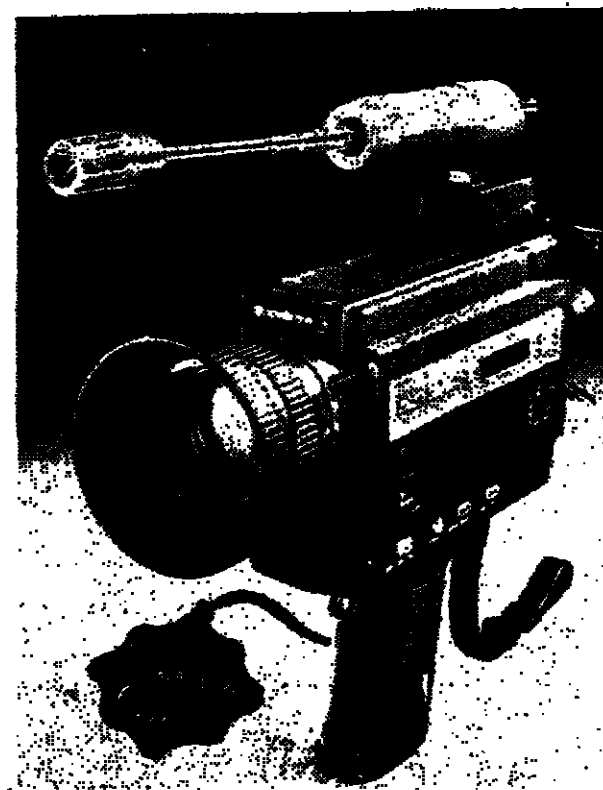
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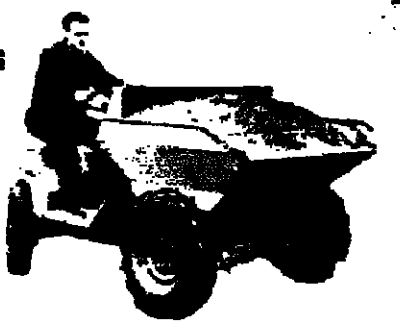
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Zambia says troops fighting South Africans inside border

LUSAKA, Aug. 25 (AP) — Zambia said Friday that fighting is continuing between South African and Zambian troops in a small Zambian town across the border from Namibia.

In Pretoria, a defense official said "no comment" to the statement by Zambian Foreign Minister Sikele Mwaile. South Africa also announced the death of another soldier, the tenth South African casualty in the border clash.

Mwaile issued a statement Friday morning before leaving on a trip to Zaire, saying that after Wednesday's artillery and rocket duel between South Africa and SWAPO guerrillas based in southern Zambia, South African troops crossed into Zambia in 12 troop cars.

and started shooting at everything, destroying a power line, school buildings and airport buildings."

In said many civilians were fleeing the border town of Sesheke, across the Zambezi River from the South African garrison town of Katima Mulilo in Namibia's Caprivi Strip.

Zambia had previously announced that 12 civilians were killed, and South African troops brought out 16 bodies they said were SWAPO guerrillas.

According to South Africa, SWAPO opened the battle with a rocket, mortar and artillery barrage on Katima Mulilo and Zambian gunners later joined in. South Africa says its gunners returned fire and after a two-hour exchange, troops crossed

over on a "mopping-up" operation. Zambia denied any role in the shelling.

South Africa has given no indication of the duration of the "mop-up."

Mwaile said more than 100 workers have deserted the government administrative center at Sesheke and the Veta hospital, serving a population of more than 50,000, has been closed.

He said U.S., British, French, West German and Canadian envoys had been briefed on the situation and warned that Zambia would not hesitate "to call for outside help" against South Africa.

South Africa has also told the envoys of the same five Western nations that the clash — the most serious to date in the 13-year SWAPO guerrilla struggle — could harm efforts by the five powers to mediate a peaceful transition to independence in Namibia under U.N. supervision.

Belgrade hits at Moscow over Hua visit

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, Aug. 25 (R) — Yugoslavia hit back Friday at Soviet criticism of its press coverage of the visit by Chinese leader Hua Guofeng and said this country was not going to get involved in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug charged that Tass was using Western press comment on Hua's visit to criticize Yugoslavia.

Hua meanwhile was greeted by a cheering crowd of about 200,000 when he arrived Friday in Zagreb, Yugoslavia's second largest city, from Skopje in Macedonia.

During a brief stay before leaving for Brioni, President Tito's Adriatic island summer residence where he will spend the weekend, Hua stressed the possibilities for broader economic ties.



SALUTE: The leader of the terrorists who left Nicaragua Friday salutes his followers as he boards a plane to Panama. (Story page 4).

Nobre da Costa forms new Portugal cabinet

LISBON, Aug. 25 (AP) — Prime Minister-designate Alfredo Nobre da Costa formed a new government to end the month-long Portuguese cabinet crisis, the president's office said Friday.

The 55-year-old industrial engineer will formally present the cabinet to President Antonio Ramalho Eanes on Monday.

Nobre da Costa delivered the names of the new cabinet to the president Friday. It includes three Communist sympathizers, including Foreign Minister Carlos Correia Gago, informed sources said.

But the new cabinet was described as largely independent and without political affiliation, like the prime minister.

The unofficial list of the 15-member cabinet, the ninth government since a leftist military revolt ousted Portugal's longtime rightist dictatorship three years ago, contained six engineers, two jurists, two economists, two university professors and three military men, none of them household words in Portugal.

Perhaps the best known is

PLO envoy arrives in Paris

PARIS, Aug. 25 (R) — The new head of the PLO mission to France, Ibrahim Soussa, arrived here Friday on a flight from Damascus.

Soussa, a former PLO representative to UNESCO, succeeds Ezzedine Kalak, killed by two Arab gunmen in his office here earlier this month.

The radio said the rightists were seeking to provoke a new civil war in order to divert attention from "the bilateral agreement which Egypt and Israel intend to conclude."

It added: "While pretending to be anxious for Lebanon's unity, the United States is secretly consolidating the Phalangists and Chamounites, and prompting them to proclaim a so-called 'Free Lebanon' as part of a conspiracy worked out by American imperialism and world Zionism."

"Syria will not permit Chamoun or others to bargain over Lebanon's unity," the commentary said.

"Those agents who are banking on illusions will reap only utter failure and will fall sooner or later. They will find no mercy from the masses," it added.

Earlier Thursday Israeli newspapers published a vague warning to Syria that Israel would "do all it can" to strengthen Lebanese rightists against a feared major assault by Syrian forces.

Finance and Planning Minister Jose da Silva Lopes, finance secretary in the first government after the 1975 revolution.

Nobre da Costa picked Mario Firmino Miguel as defense minister.

The other two cabinet members with reported Communist sympathies were identified as Labor Minister Antonio Costa Leal and Welfare Minister J. Pereira Magro.

Hanoi claims Chinese killed border guards

BANGKOK, Aug. 25 (AP) — Vietnam Friday claimed that a large number of Chinese "hooligans" and border police crossed into Vietnam Friday, killed two Vietnamese border guards and wounded 25 Vietnamese at the Friendship Gate that link the two countries.

Voice of Vietnam Radio, monitored in Bangkok, said that the incident took place Friday morning when Vietnamese border guards and members of the Fatherland Front were helping Chinese who were stranded at the border gate to return to their homes in Vietnam.

The intruders, armed with knives, sticks and stones, stabbed border guard Le Dinh Chinh and his assistant to death, the radio said.

Vietnamese Director of Chinese Affairs Department Nguyen Tien Friday afternoon lodged an urgent protest with Chinese Charge d'Affaires Lu Ming in Hanoi describing the incident as "an act of sabotaging security at the border."

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Syrians

Newsman outside the meeting saw a car speeding from Begin's home as the conference broke up and later heard a helicopter take off from a nearby government heliport.

The "Yediot Aharonot" newspaper said Israel expected

occupation would be "unavoidable" in any peace agreement.

Weitz predicted three possibilities for a settlement "on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip: Jordanian rule, federation with Israel, or independence with full rights except the creation of an army or the acquisition of weapons."

"All three alternatives are hinged on the existence of permanent Jewish settlement along the Jordan Valley, an area which forms an integral part of the state of Israel," said the plan. "Only the existence of a buffer like this will ensure the complete demilitarization" of the West Bank.

Sadat has demanded that Israel dismantle all Israel's 64 settlements in the West Bank, Gaza and Sinai. Begin has refused, but has shelved plans

American businessman expected to be charged by Soviets soon

MOSCOW, Aug. 25 (R) — American businessman Francis Crawford, describing himself as a political pawn, said Friday Soviet authorities had told him he would shortly be tried on charges of violating currency laws.

"They have told me it will be soon, very soon," he said at a news conference held between questioning sessions at Lefortovo, Moscow's KGB prison.

Looking tired and at times close to tears, Crawford, 37, agreed with a questioner who suggested his trial might be timed to coincide with that of two Soviet United Nations employees facing spy charges in the United States. They are due to appear in court in Newark, New Jersey, on Sept. 12.

"I feel I'm a pawn in a political chess game," he said.

Crawford, Moscow representative of the International Harvester company, has been under investigation since being dragged from his car by police on a Moscow street. U.S. officials view the case against him as retaliation for the arrests of the Soviet officials.

Crawford told reporters at his company office he had faced an extremely grueling week of questioning by a team of five KGB investigators.

He said their evidence to support allegations that he bought 20,000 roubles — the equivalent of nearly \$30,000 — at black market rates was inconclusive and distorted.

"I once again want to reiterate my innocence," he declared. "I have committed no crime in the Soviet Union, nor have I broken any Soviet laws."

Crawford, who could be sent

3 U.S. soldiers die in copter blast in Germany

GRAFENWOEHR, West Germany Aug. 25 (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers of the 1st Armored Division were killed Friday when an OH-58 Scout helicopter "apparently exploded in flight."

An army statement said the pilot and two passengers were killed.

The statement said the accident occurred five kilometers northwest of this U.S. Army training complex in Bavaria, near the small village of Eschenbach.

to a labor camp for up to eight years if found guilty, said investigators, claimed to have evidence of where he purchased the roubles, and where he spent them.

But, he said, he in fact had little opportunity to spend roubles in Moscow, where rent and other outgoings were paid in Western currency, and food bought with special currency coupons.

The U.S. Embassy protested to the Soviet Foreign Ministry Friday over the brief detention

of NBC television rep Gene Pell as he was prevented from filming Crawford's emergence from questioning at Lefortovo prison Thursday.

Pell said his press credentials were taken from him, he led inside the prison building and was made to wait 10 minutes by a uniformed officer of the KGB.

His credentials were returned to him and he was allowed to go when he told the officer he would leave the scene.

Newsman says Czechs arrested foreigners

VIENNA, Aug. 25 (AP) — A Turkish-born newsman deported from Czechoslovakia after attempting to cover the tenth anniversary of the invasion, Friday said two foreigners were detained on Prague's Wenceslas Square Aug. 21 because they wore black garments.

However, it was not clear how many were held by police on that day.

Yusuf Haddadoglu, who was arrested Aug. 19 after an abortive attempt to meet La-

U.S. reassures Aba Al-Khalil on deficits

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (SPA) — The U.S. balance of trade and financial deficit will diminish, U.S. Secretary for the Treasury Michael Blumenthal has told Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil.

According to Friday's edition of the "Washington Post," Blumenthal also told Aba Al-Khalil that President Carter was determined to fight inflation.

The paper said that Blumenthal and U.S. Financial Affairs Secretary Anthony Solomon had briefed Aba Al-Khalil on a plan to improve the position of the U.S. dollar.

They met in Orlando, Fla., last Saturday.

The paper pointed out that Aba Al-Khalil and Blumenthal had three telephone conversations on Friday, Sunday and Monday after Carter had voiced concern over the decline of the dollar and asked Blumenthal to act to stop the slide.

It said that the calls reflected Saudi Arabia's interest in upholding the value of the dollar.

dislay Hejdanek, a spokesman for the Czechoslovak "C 77" civil rights movement, one woman from Dresden, East Germany was picked by police because she wore a black hat, while a woman was apprehended because she wore black trousers.

Authorities apparently tried wearing anything but a provocation on invasion anniversary, probably because there had been reported mists of regime critics piling to turn out in black or day. That, however, applied did not happen.

Haddadoglu, who holds trian citizenship and was reported Thursday, also is Frenchman was detainee Wenceslas Square Aug. 2 cause he wanted to see photograph.

Ex-CIA man indicted for spying

WASHINGTON, Aug. (AP) — A former CIA employee was indicted Friday on espionage charges all that he passed a secret to the Soviet Union. William Peter Kampiles was named in a six-count indictment returned grand jury in Hammond, Ind. He was arrested week.

Kampiles is accused of giving the Soviets a top secret document that describes workings of the so-called "Big Bird" photographic light that is used by the U.S. States to spy on the Soviet Union from an earth orbit.

The indictment charged that Kampiles turned the document over to the Soviet Union in Athens earlier this year. Kampiles was said to have received \$3,000.

Saudi-American group expansion begins

NEW YORK, July 28 — The Saudi-American Group, active Arabia, announced plans to begin at once active expansion of long term effort to build private enterprise INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, & REAL ESTATE development projects throughout Arabian Subcontinent.

The feasibility studies, plans, engineering and organization have been completed for over ten projects to be located in Hejaz, Nejd and Hasa Provinces of Saudi Arabia, in Kuwait, Bahrain, O. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Research shows the selected projects to be highly profitable and to greatly help Arab development. **ARAB PARTNERS ACCEPTED**

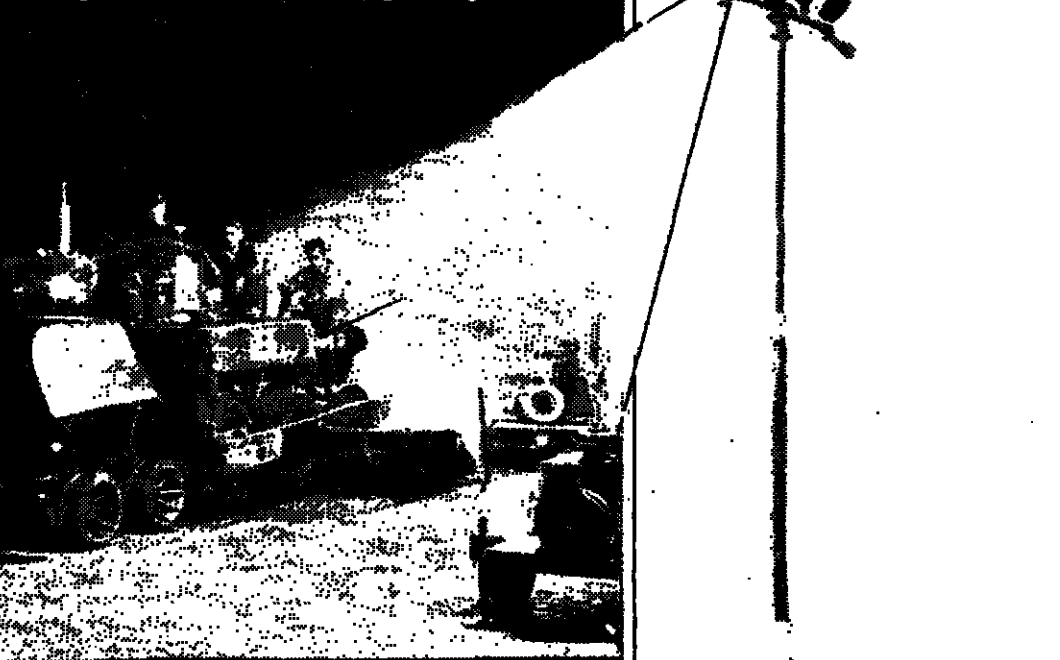
So as to allow more Arabs the opportunity to participate in the industrial and real estate development of their homeland and so Arabs can get the rich profits formerly reserved for just a few foreigners, the Saudi-American Group will now accept applications from Arabs who wish to become partners. To give the most Arabs possible opportunity, two or more different joint venture partners will be selected for each project according to size. The projects are to be initiated by the United States (American) Government. **PROGRESSIVE ARABS**

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